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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested in this new development in the relations between Mayor-elect Samuel Yorty and Chief William H. Parker, and, accordingly, have enclosed some news clippings.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Bill Simon

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Clash

Chief Denies Charge of Ballot 'Gestapo'

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Mayor-elect Yorty clashed headon Thursday with Chief Parker and a top aide over charges the Los Angeles Police Department was used in "Gestapo tactics" during the mayorality campaign. Parker immediately called this untrue.

It was the first real clash between Yorty and Parker since the incoming mayor said he would give Parker "schooling and direction" in public relations, and the chief replied he would not resign.

But this time Yorty declared his supporters were "screened" by the Police Department in a sort of Gestapo operation, and it just isn't right.

"It is perfectly obvious the department was used to check the history, from childhood to current date, of everybody even remotely connected with my campaign and even my law clients," Yorty said.

Asked if his opponents used the intelligence unit of the department against him, Yorty said:

"I believe they did."

He said the State Bar should take action on an attorney being identified with his clients, "otherwise a lawyer could never run for office."

Yorty said use of the Police Department constituted campaigning with city employees and city funds, which was improper and perhaps illegal.

Asked if Parker was aware of such investigations, Yorty said:

"He had to be aware of this. After all, he is an employee and is under the supervision of the mayor and the Police Commission."

"I have the power of subpoena after I take office July 1, and I certainly intend to find out."

Such an investigation suited Parker, who stated:

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history of alleged supporters of clients of any candidate for office in the recent municipal election is patently false.

"This department never obtained any list of the supporters of the mayor-elect, and to this day does not know who they may be.

"It is indeed unfortunate that the mayor-elect has been supplied with such false information.

"A full and immediate investigation is imperative in order that the false innuendo be publicly refuted and the truth established."

Capt. James Hamilton, head

of the police intelligence division, waxed even more wrath over the charge his unit was involved. He said:

"I'm turning this matter over to my attorney.

"It is up to my lawyer to determine if the reference was libelous.

"It was not based upon fact, and was an irresponsible statement. I think Mr. Yorty will either have to prove it or pay."

Mayor Poulson departed Thursday for a vacation at his Baker, Ore., ranch, but his press secretary, David Jantson, commented:

"All of the mayor's information came from private sources."

Yorty Blasts Police; Parker Denies Charge

BY HOWARD KENNEDY

Mayor-elect Yorty Thursday renewed a pre-election charge that Police Department intelligence files were used to "screen" his clients and supporters.

The charge brought an immediate denial from Chief Parker.

Yorty promised at a press conference to use his subpoena powers after he takes office July 1 "to find out if this was done," because he believes such action is "illegal" and a "gestapo operation."

He also called for "some action by the State Bar of California about the matter of attorneys (who are candidates for public office) and their clients, because lawyers cannot run for office if this sort of thing (use of Police Department files) is going to take place."

Constitutes Campaigning?

Yorty said he believes the use of police files to screen clients and supporters of candidates "constitutes campaigning with city employees and with city funds."

"Do you think Police Chief Parker was aware of this?" Yorty was asked by a newsman.

"Well," Yorty replied, "he had to be aware of it, but of course he is an employee and he's under the supervision of the mayor and the police commission."

Chief Parker promptly and emphatically denied that Police Department files were used to "screen" Yorty's supporters and clients, and demanded "a full and immediate investigation in order that the false innuendo be

publicly refuted and the truth established."

Parker said:

"Any statement to the effect that facilities of the Los Angeles Police Department were used to investigate the background and history of alleged supporters or clients of any candidates for office in the recent municipal election is patently false."

"This department never obtained any list of the supporters of the mayor-elect, and to this day does not know who they may be."

"It is indeed unfortunate that the mayor-elect has been supplied with such false information. A full and immediate investigation is imperative in order that the false innuendo be publicly refuted and the truth established."

Also Denied by Poulson

Poulson's office also denied police files were used.

Said David Janison, Poulson's press secretary:

"All the mayor's information (on Yorty supporters) came from private sources."

Poulson flew Thursday to his ranch at Baker, Ore., for a rest. He is scheduled to return to his office June 19. Acting mayor during his absence will be John S. Gibson, president of the City Council.

Asked Oil Lease Quiz

Yorty also revealed that during the campaign he urged State Atty. Gen. Mosk to investigate the Poulson administration's lease of oil properties in Los Angeles Harbor, but that Mosk decided to "hold off" until after the District Court of Appeal acted on a taxpayer's suit brought by attorney Phill Silver to invalidate the lease on the grounds there was no competitive bidding.

"Now, the court has made a decision, and I wouldn't be at all surprised if Mosk, as the chief law enforcement officer of the state, may wish to take a look at that oil

lease and the circumstances surrounding the negotiation of it."

Yorty said he is "in no hurry to confer with Chief Parker" but plans to do so "after I dig out of the avalanche of mail on my desk."

To 'School' Chief

The mayor-elect said right after the May 31 election he planned to keep Parker as police chief but promised to give Parker some "schooling" in connection with public relations with minority groups. Parker issued a statement he did not intend to resign.

Yorty confirmed that his campaign director, Mrs. Eleanor Chambers, "obviously will have a key position in my administration."

"She is an extremely able woman," Yorty commented.

The mayor-elect said he intends to rearrange the duties of his immediate staff and that Mrs. Chambers might not fill the position of Stephen D. Gavin, who has turned in his resignation, effective June 30, as Poulson's chief executive assistant.

Yorty declined to speculate on his staff appointments beyond mentioning Mrs. Chambers. He said he has conferred with Dr. Norman Topping, SC president, and "discussed a few names" of educators willing to assist in the Yorty administration.

One of his first duties after taking office, Yorty continued, will be to instruct city department heads not to spend the entire budget amounts allocated in the 1961-62 budget prepared by the Poulson administration.

"Some economies can be made," Yorty promised. "The departmental budgets were loosely prepared."

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Raps Collection Plan

Yorty lashed out bitterly at the recent action of the Board of Public Works in going ahead with a plan to collect household metal once every four weeks and to dispose of it to Los Angeles By-Products Co. for \$11.86 a ton.

"I am disturbed that the board went ahead and defied the will of the voters," Yorty declared. "I favor a once-a-week collection, and the award of the disposal contract after competitive bidding. I regard this as arbitrary defiance and putting the contract beyond my control for two years. It's deplorable, and the board should stop doing it. The motive, of course, is favoring their friends, just as in the harbor oil lease deal."

Flays Times Editorials

Yorty told his press conference he is back on a first name basis with Mayor Poulson, and that Poulson has offered to give Yorty the privilege of choosing a new car to be purchased by the office under the 1960-61 budget.

"I'll probably see Norrie about this when I get around to it," the mayor-elect confided.

Yorty said he would be happy if newsmen told The Times the campaign is over.

"The Times ought to help me where it can," he continued, referring to post-campaign editorials.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you would be interested in a follow-up to yesterday's letter concerning statements by Mayor-elect Samuel W. Yorty concerning Chief of Police William H. Parker.

The attached article indicates that Yorty has intentions of having Parker refrain from making irresponsible statements. The enclosed editorial in the "Los Angeles Times" construes Yorty's remarks as an indirect invitation for Parker to resign as Chief of Police.

One public relations incident that Yorty may have in mind is one which arose a short time prior to my assignment in Los Angeles. Parker stirred up a great deal of indignation among the rather large Mexican-American population in Los Angeles when he appeared before the Civil Rights Commission in Los Angeles and in talking about the high rate of crime indicated that some of the Mexican-Americans had been here before "we were", but "some of them are not far removed from the wild tribes of Mexico".

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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